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"The conclusion is easy: if you're going to be teaching on the moon and have only one suitcase for resources, this is the book on motivation and active learning that you'll want to pack. I know it's the one I'd be taking with me... probably as a carry-on so I have something good to read on the way." —*The Teaching Professor*, December 2009

"The book is full of practical advice and ideas for teachers who are striving to increase student engagement and learning supported by research. It is well organized and accessible. Student Engagement Techniques is an important and useful guide for any teacher interested in improving student learning." —Gayle Venegas, Math Teacher, San Jacinto USD (Icezablog.com)

"This handbook will be useful to educators with any level of experience in the classroom. It can provide guidance to new faculty and ways to refresh a stale course for faculty who want to update or enhance their classroom experiences. While some of the SETS are common sense—and you may be using them already—the help comes from the details about how to use the SETS more effectively and how to extend or vary different activities. Even if you do not have the time to appreciate the theory presented in the first sections of the book, the SET examples alone make this book valuable for novice and experienced educators alike." —Laura L. Carruth, Neuroscience Institute, Georgia State University, for *CBE—Life Sciences Education*, Vol. 11, 135–136, Summer 2012

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